Sekine's Love

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Any objections?
Everything all along..
CLAP
Here are the results of our vote...
Seikune Keuchiro has been chosen to be our class representative
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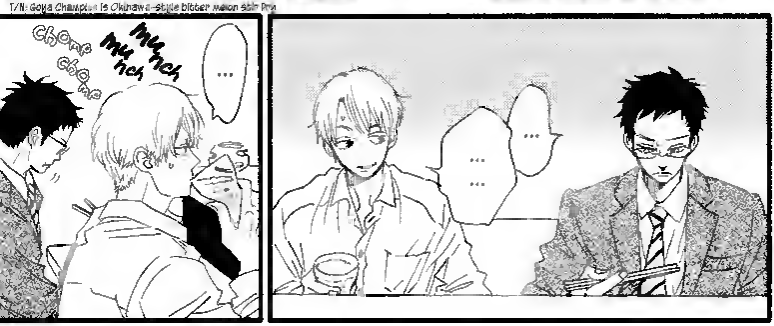
asking for you to be the next team captain
Your upperclassmen sent me a message
was neither good nor bad..
To refuse would be too much of a hassle.
You've been playing on a different level since you started, so nobody's going to resent you for it, will they?
Will you do it?
Well?
Well, you've been the ace since your first year, and you have a good head for the game
Oddly enough, you're a popular kid, and I personally think you're qualified

Student Representative's formal reply the year after
Time passes. People come and go.
And seasons change, inevitably.
Student Representative's farewell speech
Since I don't have any dreams of my own,
I might as well go along with someone else's.
Valentines.
Wait until it all ends.
That's what I've been doing all along.
CRICK
...all I have to do is wait with bated breath.
Until then..
Sekine-san, you come here often too?
T JUST WAIT!
N'T LEAVE IT
TO OTHERS!
HAVE THE COURAGE TO SAY N
FOR YOUR FUTURE!
- THE APPEAL OF SAYING
"I LOVE YOU"
THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS
My entire view on life is crumbling in full force just by reading the table of contents alone.
What's this book about?
PRIDE UNMBLE

T/N: Goya Champloo is Okinawa-style bitter melon stir fry



SHUFFLE
Thank you very much!
Well, see you
That's it
For me
I don't even know what I should be more irritated with here...
Oh, he forgot this
Old that man
Huh?
leave this on the counter?
Would I be able to catch him if I run?
Oh, I happen to know the guy
I can give it to him when I see him
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
WAM

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RED MOON

If he hadn't caught me reading it, I would have just left it behind.
I forgot to cover it with my usual book cover
Did he or did he not get to see what was inside?

...is something I borrowed...
...so I can't lose it
No
This
This isn't what it looks like.
What shoddy excuse is that?!
Right.
What if I make up an excuse?
Yes?
Have...
Have you read the title?!
What does that matter?
...is one of her paperbacks...
What I have on me right now
Manga...
Uh
Well
So do I
Her "Glass Mask" and "Ita-Kiss" Too many volumes to carry, so I leave them all at home
Oh
Don't tell me you borrow manga from Sara-chan too?
Huh?
The masterpieces never disappoint.
Shoujo manga can actually be interesting too
Manga from the granddaughter...?
Once you've read some, you're bound to be able to talk to women in any setting
...
FLIP FLIP FLIP
SLUMP
Doesn't seem like...
But the one you borrowed...
He knows what's inside...
The size of it looks like a collector's edition?
What's with this guy?

What they actually want us to do
...I never knew.
...and even situations they dream of
No wonder...
You can find out by reading manga
BOOM!
Because after all,
shoujo manga is like the bible for understanding a woman's heart.
...
Here, have another glass
Aside from manga
Oh yeah I'd be interested to know what kind of things you've personally read yourself
GLUP GLUP GLUP
What did you read as a child?
I have never read manga.
...
Huh?
Anything other than that?
I did required reading whenever we had to turn in...
a book report
...because I wanted to.
I hardly remember ever grabbing something to read...

Not just with books
I can't imagine myself going out and choosing something for myself
I've always left that up to others
Thinking about it now,
Sekine-san...
...
That really sucks...
Are you lacking that much self-awareness and independence?
...
Now that you mention it...
I bet plenty of girls cry behind your back
What do you mean?
Of course... None of us would want to annoy the person we like, would we?
...

A long time ago, I saw a bit of "Hi no Tori".
Going back to our subject, are there any manga that stand out in your mind?
But they have those in every reading room!
And...
...vice versa.
Just because I didn't think anything of it...
...doesn't mean the other person feels the same.
Hmm
By the way, my recommendation is "Universe"
Conversations can start over anything
Out of "Hi no Tori", which arc did you like most?
You think that by asking that, you'll get me to talk?
"Hmm" my ass!
It's sickening of me to say that.
Oh come on, Sakine-san!
MEMO BOOK
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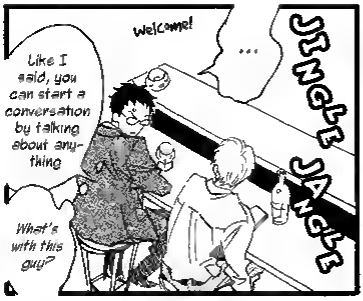
CHEAP THR
KURAMOCHI
GLASS MA
ITA-KISS
MEMO MENU
1 CONTACT
2 RINGTO
3 VOICE
4 MEMO


JUNGLE JANGLE
Welcome!
...
Like I said, you can start a conversation by talking about anything
What's with this guy?

Why are you making notes? Just ask me. I'm right here in front of you!
URRRK

Oh
I know that book!
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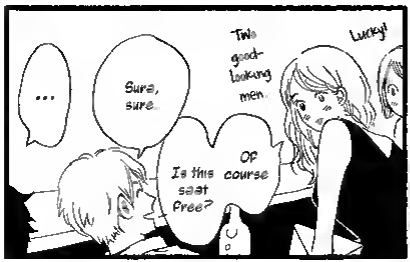
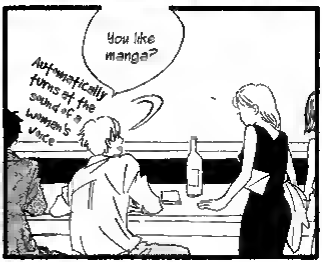
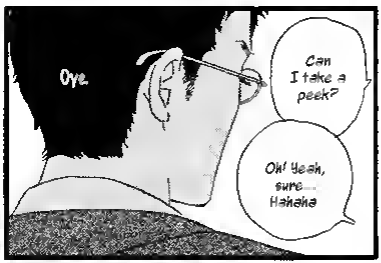
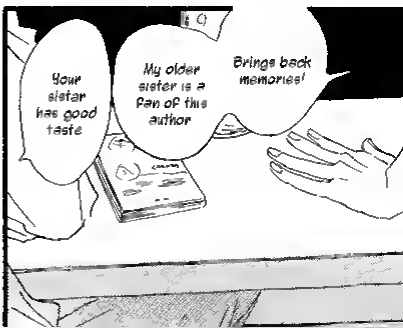
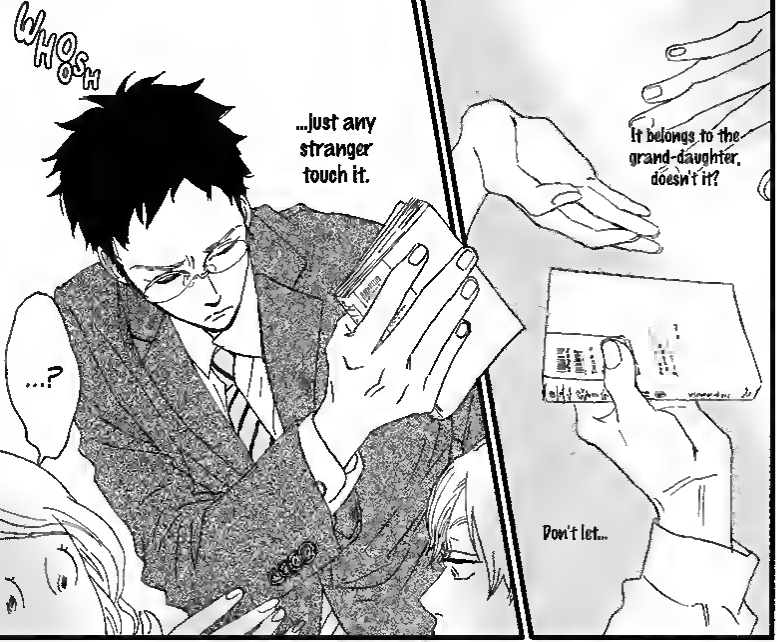

Lucky!
This good-looking man
Sure, sure...
...
Is this seat free?
Of course

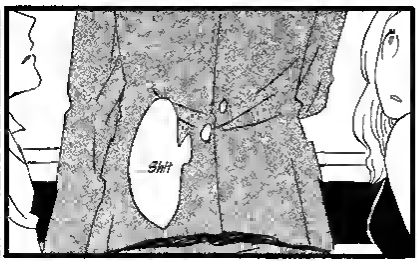

You like manga?
Automatically turns at the sound of a woman's voice


Can I take a peek?
Oh! Yeah, sure... Hahaha


Your sister has good taste
My older sister is a fan of this author
Brings back memories!


WHOSH
...just any stranger touch it.
...?
It belongs to the grand-daughter, doesn't it?
Don't let...

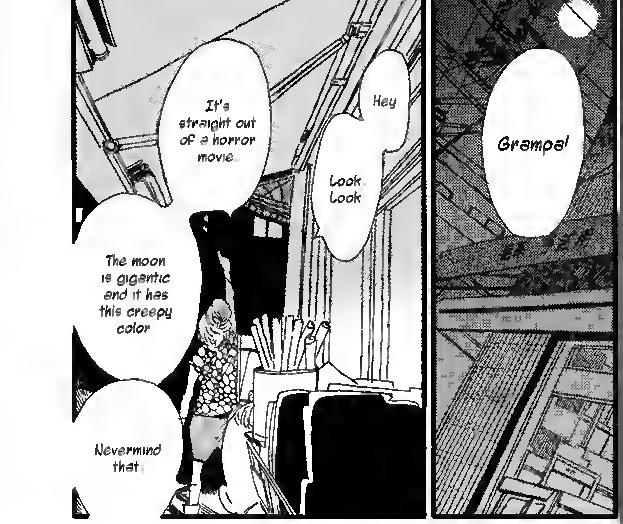
I was just about to sell it to this gentlemen here for a high price
Actually, this book is a signed copy
Oh... I get it
Like, wow, isn't that amazing?


Shit

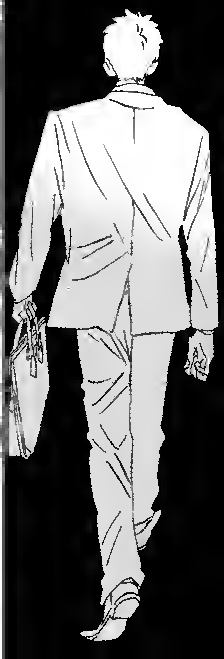
Oh
Um Sorry, sorry
I just

And this fool got us caught up in his manga mania.
Sigh
I'm finding it hard to leave right away...
Change of seating
...in trying to avoid creating an awkward atmosphere.
Somehow or other...
We can talk a little bit more about shoujo manga
...
I've already been with them for forty minutes
Should be okay now
You can stay just a little while longer!
Yeah, stay
Aww!
Excuse me I have work early tomorrow
CLUNK
MUSIC
The moon
SUSHI
Let's go karaoke next!
Yay!
Woo hoo!
No wonder he really hit it off with Konno
That enthusiasm...

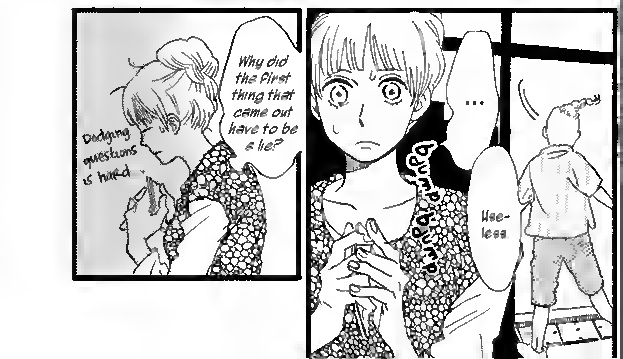
...I feel like telling the grand-daughter all about it.
...is tinged with red.
When I'm looking at scenery different from anything I've seen before..
It's unfortunate that we're not friendly enough...
...to send each other snapshots.
Just because I think a certain way...
doesn't mean the other person does too.
But...

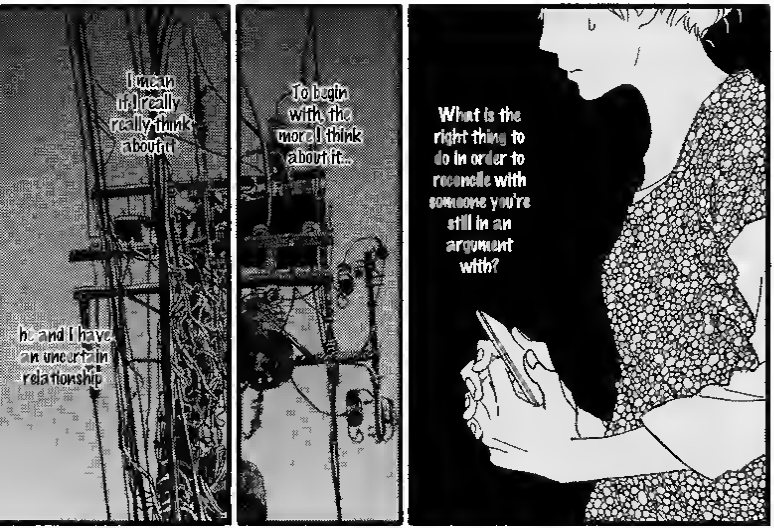


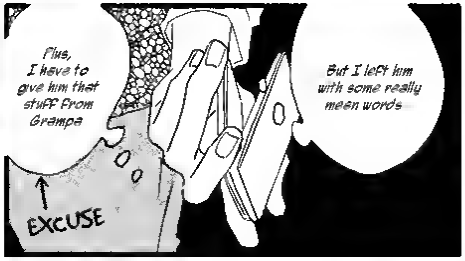
...I want to be watching the same scenery as her.



GULP!
Um
Well, I didn't really ask what he thought
Did you give him the paper bag the other day like I asked you to?
What did Sekine-boy say?




I mean if I really really think about it
he and I have an uncertain relationship
To begin with the more I think about it...
What is the right thing to do in order to reconcile with someone you're still in an argument with?


But I left him with some really mean words...
Plus, I have to give him that stuff from Grampa
EXCUSE

...
Anyway, the first thing I have to do is apologize to him

TAP
Thank god they're all so drunk
I knew pop songs were trouble
Hell no.
Next one's Hikaru GENJI
Sing it with me
VRRR
VRRR